Urdu units in Bihar

755. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Urdu units that were functioning in Bihar before 1990 and how many posts of teachers were sanctioned then and how many of them were filled;

(b) the number of Urdu units functioning as on date and the number of posts of Urdu teachers lying vacant; and

(c) the measures taken to fill up the vacant posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The Central Government does not maintain data on 'Urdu Units', including those functioning in Bihar. However, as per information furnished by Government of Bihar they are proposing to appoint 14388 Urdu teachers, out of which approximately 11000 Urdu teachers have been appointed till 15.4.2007.

Funding pattern of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

756. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have protested against the present funding pattern of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that nearly 30 per cent of this year's Budget outlay for SSA would remain unutilized;

(d) if so, the new funding pattern suggested by the State Governments; and

(e) the reaction of Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Programme (SSA) programme approved in 2001, provided for a 50:50 Centre State fund sharing pattern in the Eleventh Plan period. Most States have requested Government of India to continue with the 75:25 Centre State sharing pattern for the Eleventh Plan period, while North Eastern States have requested for a 90:10 sharing pattern.

The annual work plan and budget 2007-08 under SSA, approved for States/UTs by the Government of India is based on the provision of Rs. 10671 crore as the budget estimate for the year in the Central Government's budget.

Establishment of national universities

757. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced plans to establish 20 national universities all over the country, to have excellence in higher education;